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Justice Ray Escapes Assassination Attempt

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The Chief Justice of India, Justice Ajit Nath Ray escaped a daring attempt on his life March 20 evening when two "charged and live" hand grenades dropped into his car failed to explode.

Also in the car were his son, Ajay Ray, attendant Jai Nand and driver Inder Singh.

While his car was awaiting the traffic signal about 40 metres from the main gate of the Supreme Court, a man "dropped" the two grenades "apparently wrapped in a handkerchief" into the rear seat, according to Police.

A police spokesman said no arrests had been made so far but "we have got clues about the man and the hunt is on". A watch was being kept at all exit and entry points to the capital.

An Army Disposal Squad removed the grenades from the car and diffused them.

The two standard 35 grenades weighed two and a half pounds each.

A dog squad was pressed into service. They led the police up to a building about 200 metres from the crossing and lost scent.

It was explained that the grenades were of a highly destructive nature (primed army grenades) in that their explosion could have had lethal effect within a diameter of more than 25 metres.

Delhi Corporation Suspended

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The Government has ordered the supersession of the Jana Sangh-ruled Delhi Municipal Corporation, India's largest civic body, for a period of one year and appointed the municipal Commissioner to exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed upon the Corporation under the Municipal Act.

The Home Ministry order has been issued under the name of the President of India by K. C. Pandeya, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The order said that the Government had considered the reply sent by the Corporation to its show-cause notice dated March 17 and declared the Corporation to be incompetent, to be in default and to have abused its powers.

It further said that the government was of the opinion that the Corporation had persistently been making defaults in the performance of its duties, and was not competent as was clear from the charges contained in the show cause notice.

The order has been issued under Section 490 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act.

The Jana Sangh had been in control of the Corporation since March 1967.

The former mayor of Delhiu, Kidar Nath Sahani said the Delhi municipal Corporation was the 25th of the 34 municipal corporations in the country to be superseded.

He said the central government had withheld the Corporation's dues running into more than Rs 16 crores ($21.33 million) and had reduced it to a state of bankruptcy.

Indo-Arab Cultural Council To Be Set Up

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The Arab countries have decided to form an Indo-Arab Cultural Council this year for "better understanding and a meaningful dialogue" with India, I. Shukrallah, Chief Representative, League of Arab States mission here announced.

He told a news conference that establishment of the Anglo-American military base in the Indian ocean not only threatened the security of the littoral states but also directly affected the arab nations. This dangerious military manoeuvre had to be collectively opposed by the Arab countries and littoral states, particularly India.

Mr. Shukralla said the cultural council would clear the way for a "permanent and solid" framework for further deepening economic and political relations between the Arab countries and India.

Sheikh To Seek People's Verdict

Srinagar, April 10 (UNI): The Kashmir Chief Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah said here that he would seek the people's verdict on his accord with the Government of India after cleaning up the administration.

Addressing a large congregation at the Hazratbal Shrine the Sheikh rejected Pakistani criticism of the accord as unwarranted and said, "We will not let any one play with our destiny."

Defending the accord with the Government, he said he had not bargained away any of the rights of the people. his life was an open book. He had been actuated by certain ideals and he had stood by them all his life. He would not sacrifice their rights to advance his own interests.

He stressed that Kashmir's ties with the Indian Union were based on shared ideals. Kashmiris had rejected the two-nation theory long ago, because it was inconsistent with the Islamic teaching of universal brotherhood.

Awards For Import Substitution

Delhi, April 12 (UNI): The Industry Minister, T. A. Pai, gave away national awards to 20 companies and individoals for developing meritorious import substitutes.

The awards, which included silver and bronze shields, certificates of merit and individual cash incentives, have been instituted to focus public attention on the need for maximising import substitution.

The invented items for which awards were given included thermit bearing metal used for bearings.

Some other items are electrolytic iron powder, and automatic spring coiling machine using indigenous material.

Ottawa ICA Grills Manpower Officials

By OLGA GHOSH

About 150 people attended a meetin on Friday, April 11, at Glebe Audijorium in Ottawa, for the purpose of discussing the Green Paper on Immigration.
This relatively small turnout may have been partly due to the fact that neither of the previously announce speakers were able to attend. E. Tait, one of the authors of the Paper, was ill with influenza and G. Stewart, Chief of Asian Division, Department of Manpower and Immigration was away on a flight accompanying Vietnamese orphans into Canada.

However in their place the Department of Manpower was able to supply two alternative speakers who were equally well versed in the subject: Kirk Bell, Director General of the Programs and Priorities Branch and van Kessel, Senior Projects Officer, both of the above Department.
These two speakers deserve much credit for the patience and courtesy with which they spoke and answered many difficult and searching questions during the three hour long meeting.

Following an introduction by N. Parekh, President of the India Canada Association of Ottawa and chairman of the meeting, Mr. Bell began with a short speech.
He announced that the India Canada Association was the first organization to have been chosen to obtain a grant of $ 2,000 which is to help this group to research and prepare a brief on the Paper in which to make its comments and articulate its concerns.
His Minister, he said, recognized that immigration has a very major impact on what kind of country we have. It is therefore, vital that the public present its views. After the first phase of suggesting the how, why and who of immigration comes the second phase of public discussion. The administration works closely with elected representatives and there will be a continuing examination of the paper following steps through Parliament, the Senate and the formulation of the White Paper.

People must see and understand what is happening. The Minister is sincere in wanting to do his best. He also realizes that people are individuals and often ultimate decisions have to be made on a one to one basis. The questions and discussions of meetings such as this will help the Department to clarify its thinking.

Mr. Bell then briefly explained some facets of the Green Paper, copies of the highlights of which had been distributed to the audience.
Mr. Bell's remarks were followed by a lengthy period during which a large number of well prepared questions were asked and comments made, all of which were carefully answered by the speaker. As the audience was composed mainly of Professionals many of them economists and statisticians, themselves working for the Federal Government, it was not surprising that the calibre of questin asked was extremely high, objective and searching.
The following is a synopsis of most of the questions and comments touched upon:

The distribution of immigrants and their impact on the labor force: Canada is a country of regions. Three quarters of all immigrants go to Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver. Quebec is suffering. It needs people who will blend into the Francophone community.

On Discrimination:
Since 1967 there has been a policy of non-discrimination. Canada takes people on a first come first served basis. The third largest immigration office is in New Delhi, the other two being in London and Hong King. Family unification has first Priority.
Canada takes more people from India year by year. The speaker regretted that he had no statistics on applications on hand, but insisted that immigration was no longer in favour of Britain.
Several questioners however, felt that admission figures of the Paper proved otherwise.
One the question that economic and employment trends are usually only published two years after the fact, the speaker admitted that this was a difficult problem.
The Brain Drain. The speaker admitted that this was a very controversial area.
The role of the provinces in Immigration.
This is important when considering ethnic bias in population distribution. One very difficult area too is the fact that professional licensing is done mainly on a provincial basis.
Population distribution from an economic development viewpoint.
The role of the screening form in India. Several questioners felt that the main thrust of the Paper seems to be coloured immigration
Was there anyone of Indian origin on the team working on the Green Paper?
Will there be a Quota system? How is this to be avoided?
By what yardstick will the policy finally be formulated?
what percentage of immigration officials is non-white? No statistics were available.
Towards the end of the meeting the speaker was asked the following question: "Can a group of us, who wish to work on a brief obtain statistics which are not yet published in the Green Paper?" Here the chairman interjected by saying that he "would like to use the good offices of the Department to obtain statistics". Mr. Bell replied that while this might be difficult, he would try his best to make as much information available as possible.
The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the speakers and an expression of sincere appreciation for their efforts at such short notice.

Science the Binding Factor

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): Dr. H. N. Sethna, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, explained how "scientific work for the first time has become the common bond between the peoples of the world who have been separated by cultural, religious, geographical and political barriers."

Delivering the fourth Govind Ballabh Pant Memorial Lecture here on "Integrative Aspects of Technology," he said "I foresee exciting possibilities of integration in the spread of scientific culture, technical skills, provision of health care and family planning services and communication technology."

Refering to the uneven distribution of natural resources he said technology had acted as the major force to bridge this inequality and to bring about development on a more uniform basis. Japan did not possess any natural resources in significant quantity but through the use of its technological capability it had achieved a very high level of development. There were some countries which were rich in natural resources but were unable to reach a significant level of development. Thus technology had become an instrument of encouraging interdependence among various nations and regions and when "there's a high degree of independence integration would have to necessarily follow," he added.

The basic challenge before mankind was to eliminate poverty, hunger, ignorance and discards. The solution of these problems would require global partnership in the use of the unprecedented opportunities provided by the spectacular advances in science and technology.

Dr. Sethna said the global partnership "will require the emergence of a new global economic order in which industrial specialisation will correspond to regional capabilities and the most effective utilisation of labour and capital and of available world resources on a long term basis."

Due to integrative concepts of modern science and technology, a new type of global strategy had already begun to emergency but future development depended on the ability and perception of planners and decision makers to integrate the demands and pressures which operated at different levels — global, regional, national, state and local.

Assistance for Exports Likely

New Delhi, April 10 (UNI): India's Finance Ministry is likely to give some sort of compensatory assistance for promotion of exports, it is understood.

The Ministry, which had all along been cool to the Commerce Ministry's request for financial assistance for exports, is now taking a fresh look at the problem. This is because of two factors: one the general slackening in the tempo of Indian exports this year because of the recession in the developed countries of the west, and two, the alarming balance of trade deficit.

The Commerce Ministry feels that because of recession in the developed countries exports would be lower. It has fixed a modest target of five to seven per cent increase in 1975-76 as compared to the previous year.

Exports had increased from Rs 6080 million ($2144 million) in 1971-72 to Rs 26030 ($3470.67) in 1974-75. The percentage of increase in 1972-73 was 22, in 1973-74 it was 26 and as much as 38 per cent during April - January of 1974-75.

But in spite of this increase in exports, the country's adverse balance of trade had increased substantially during 1973-74 and 1974-75. This was because of the fact that imports during 1972-73, 1973-74 and in the 10 months of 1974-75 had risen by two per cent, 56 per cent and 58 per cent respectively.

The major factor in the rising import bill during 1973-74 and during the current year had been the increase in international prices of most of the goods being imported. International prices have increased sharply in the wake of the oil crisis in respect of chemicals, fertilisers, crude and last but not the least, foodgrains.

"The country will have to import sizeable quantities of foodgrains fertilisers and oil in the coming year to keep the economy going.

Export prospects of some of the traditional items are not very good at the moment. The prospect of jute exports is bad because of the recession in the United States.

66 Get Padma Awards

new Delhi, April 12 (UNI): The president, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed honoured 66 persons from different walks of life with padma awards, among the countries highest decorations.

Eight Scholars in Sanskrit, Persian and Arabic were awarded certificates of honour.

Of the 66 recipients, eight were honoured with the second highest civilian distinction Padma Vibhushan, 15 with padma Bhushan and 43 with Padma Shri.

The awardees included 14 women.

The Ghazal (semi-classical vocal singing) Queen, Begum Akhtar and Malayalam journalist Mathew Kuzhiveli were posthumously honoured with Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri respectively.

The recipients of Padma Vibhushan were Dr. B. D. Nag Chaudhuri, Vice-Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. and Deshmukh, Dr. H. N. Sethna, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, renowned Carnatic vocalist, Mrs. M. S. Subbulakshmi, the late Mrs. Mary Clubwala Jadhav, an eminent social worker, famous educationist Dr. (Mrs.) Remlila Vithaldas Thackersey and nuclear physicist Dr. Raja Ramanna, Director of Physics group at the Atomic Energy Commission.

Satellite Launching

New Delhi, (UNI): The Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi recently informed the Lok Sabha, lower house of parliament that the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) in India would be launched by the middle of this year.

Armed Intrusion Condemned

New Delhi, (UNI): The Indian Parliament and a number of state Assemblies have condemned the incident at Allahabad which a young man with a loaded pistol attempted to enter the High Court where the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi was to give evidence in a poll petition filed by the Rajya Sabha (upper house) member, Raj Narain, and demanded better security measures for her.

In both houses of Parliament, members said Mrs. Gandhi was not only the leader of the Congress party, but of the country. As such, it was an attack on democracy.

The Chief Minister, Mr. H. N. Bahuguna told the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, lower house, that a thorough inquiry had been ordered into the incident. He also announced the government decision to reward the security officers who promptly nabbed Govind Mishra, editor of a local Hindi daily, with a loaded revolver in his pocket. A mexal detector at the gate helped the detection.

World Management Body to Meet

Hyderabad, (UNI): India would host the World Management Congress at Delhi sometime in 1978, the All India management Associations President, S. C. Agarwal has said.

He told newsmen that the AIMA had already extended an invitation to the world body which was scheduled to meet at Venezuela in November this year. He said a formal acceptance of the Indian invitation was likely to be announced there.

Large Scale Discoveries of Oil Reported

Delhi, (UNI): The Petroleum and Chemicals Minister, K. D. Malaviya has told the Lok Sabha, lower house of parliament that 182 million tonnes of oil reserves and over 80,000 million cubic metres of gas had so far been discovered by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and oil India Ltd. (OIL) in their exploration efforts.

By 1978-79, the indigenous production of oil would be stepped up to about 12 million tonnes from the current year's production level of 7.5 million tonnes, he said.

Mr. Malaviya said investigations had so far revealed that the prospects of finding oil offshore were much better than in on-shore areas.

Mr. Malaviya said that exploration work was planned to be intensified in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tripura, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu besides continuing the exploration and development activities in Gujarat and Assam.

For its operations in Bombay high area, ONGC would be acquiring two more mobile rigs to step up the drilling activity. Seismicsurvey of offshore areas would be accelerated with the help of a seismic survey vessel being acquired by the ONGC. The vessel would be in operational condition in the Indian waters by the middle of this year.

The oil and Natural Gas Commission would spud the first exploratory well in the Kutch offshore in October, Mr. Malaviya said.

An oil company from the united States on contract basis was assisting the exploration work in that area which was surveyed by Soviet experts a decade ago, he said.

The consumption of petroleum products came down by about 3.1 per cent in the country during 1974 as against the previous years, the Deputy Petroleum and Chemicals Minister, C. P. Majhi said.

Mathew Commission Begins Hearing

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The one-man commission of inquiry set up by the Indian government to probe the circumstances leading to the death of the Railway Minister, L. N. Mishra in a bomb blast at Samastipur, Bihar, on January 2 began its hearings here.

The commission has been constituted under Justice K. K. Mathew, a suting judge of the Supreme Court of India.

The commission directed the Central Bureau of Investigation, which probed the blast, to submit its report to it. The CBI's request that the documents be treated in confidence was granted.

Meanwhile, the Ajit Nath committee appointed by the Bihar government to probe the medical aspect of the tragedy was told by Dr. Jagnath Mishra, brother of L. N. Mishra and Agriculture Minister of Bihar, that the decision to take Mr. Mishra to Danapur (some 200 km away) instead of hospitalising him at Samastipur or Darbhanga (25 km away) was taken by Mr. Mishra himself.

The committee, said in its report that "valuable time" was thus lost.

Women's Education Stressed

New Delhi, (UNI): The National Council for Women's Education has asked the state governments to take positive steps to constitute state councils for women's education and appoint special officers to fulfil the schemes.

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JP Movement Is Not Fascist

New Delhi, April 11 (UNI): A substantial majority in a group of twenty-five Indian intellectuals who were asked to assess and evaluate the "total revolution" movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan in Bihar deny that it is fascist in character or motivated by selfish, sordid or partisan ends.

Even the lone pro-Moscow Communist party of India spokesman among them — Mohit Sen — agrees, in a symposium titled "JP and the future of Indian Democracy", that political corruption and electoral reforms are "undoubtedly issues which have to be given the most earnest and urgent consideration".

"As a part of the necessarily multi-pronged attack on money power, it is important to work for such reforms as lowering the age of the right to vote to eighteen proportional representation and the right of recall," the CPI Central Committee members says. But he enters the all-important caveat: "These ends should be sought to be achieved through a properly constituted forum, and not by means of hooliganish (anti-social) intimidation".

After all the respondents to the questionnaire have had their say, T. K. Mahadevan, editor of "Gandhi Marg", who elicited and assembled the views, covering a wide spectrum and voiced by eminent persons belonging to various disciplines such as academicians, jurists, writers, economists, politicians, diplomats including three ex-Governors, writes in a cynical postscript: "I find myself pitchforked into the kind of dilemma that once overtook Balaam's ass. The poor animal, unable to choose between two equally tempting heaps of hay, eventually died of starvation. I am torn between (the Prime Minister, Mrs) Indira Gandhi and Jayaprakash Narayan. Cut out the hyperbole and they make very good sense. If only JP would stop talking of total revolution; if only the Prime Minister would stop talking of Garibi Hatao (remove poverty).

Sarvodaya Leader Jaya Prakash Narayan

Gujarat Election Soon

New Delhi, April 12 (UNI): Assembly elections in Gujarat will be held immediately after the monsoon season this year.

The Home Minister, K. Brahamananda Reddy disclosed this to some congress members of parliament from Gujarat who met him here.

Mr. Reddy's announcement means that the elections might be held either late October or early November.

School Teachers Get More

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The Union Government has announced in Parliament the revised scales of pay for school teachers in Delhi, other union Territories, and organisations on central scales of pay including the central schools.

Under the scales approved by the Government, the minimum basis pay of primary teachers will go up from the present Rs 165 a month to Rs.330, and of selection grade primary teachers from the present Rs 340 to Rs 350, the Education Minister, Professor Nurul Hasan told both houses of Parliament.

The minimum basic salary of trained graduate teachers will also go up from the present Rs 250 to Rs 440.

No Amount Of Arms Will Help Pak

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): Air Chief Marshal P. C. Lal, former Chief of Air Staff, told Pakistan in unequivocal terms that even a hundred million dollars worth of arms from the United States would not help it win a war against India.

Delivering the second National Security Lecture here on "Some Problems of Defence", Air Marshal Lal said it was futile for the Pakistan Prime Minister, Z. A. Bhutto to talk of war in view of India's present military might backed by her industrial potential.

"I say this not from any sense of complacency, but underline that fact that our armed forces are alert and prepared."

Also, he said, Pakistan had its physical limitations. It had only one major seaport through which must come almost all heavy supplies for the armed forces. These must then travel a thousand KM along the Indian border to reach their destination.

On the possibility of Sino-Pakistan collusion against India, Air Marshal Lal, who is now Chairman of Indian Airlines, said that the Indian army was fully prepared to meet the Chinese in the mountains. The Himalayas were a formidable obstacle to a conventional attack on India.

The principal difficulty for the Chinese against India was of logistics the distance from the main industrial centres of China dependence of communications on road transport and unfavourable terrain and uncertain weather. "The Chinese Generals know their job too well to put their necks into the Himalayan noose".

Speaking about Chinese Naval action against India, Air Marshal Lal said that Navy could not operate in any strength without Naval facilities in the Indian Ocean. But even with such facilities, the Chinese would not be able to mount more than a harassing action.

Air Marshal Lal did not think China would launch a nuclear attack for fear of precipitating a general holocaust.

Peeping into the future, he said assuming that conventional weapons will continue to be used "We can look forward to a period of relative peace and quiet insofar as our own defence is concerned."

Kerala Ministry In Trouble

Kozhikode, April 12 (UNI): The six dissident Muslim League members of the state Legislative Assembly withdrew their support to the pro-Moscow Communist party of India led coalition government in Kerala following their suspension from the party, plunging the Achutha Menon ministry into the gravest-ever crisis.

The dissidents, who had elected a new leader for the League legislature party in place of K. Avukaderkutty Naha, were suspended by the party's State president, Panakkat pookoya Thangal for "gross indiscipline".

Within hours of the announcement of their suspension, Syed Ummer Bafaky Thangal, spokesman of the dissidents, said their support to the ministry was "automatically gone" with Pookoya Thangal's action.

The dissidents' withdrawal of support leaves the ruling United Front with a strength of 64 in a house of 34 with two seats vacant and the combined opposition with 67.

Ahmed To Visit Indonesia

New Delhi, April 11 (UNI): India's President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and his wife, Begum Abida Ahmed, will pay a state visit to Indonesia from May 5 to 10.

Indian Army Clash With Sikkim Palace Guards

NEW DELHI (April 10) Indian army troops overpowered guards protecting the palace of the King of Sikkim after a 40-minute battle, Indian news agencies reported today.

The reports said one guard was killed and four other persons, including an Indian army officer, were injured in the battle in the Sikkimese capital of Gangtok.

It was not clear if the 51-year-old king, Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal, was in the plane at the time of the clash.

The press Trust of India said the confrontation followed an "unruly and violent incident" in which palace guards fired on demonstrators demanding the removal of the Chogyal.

Sikkim chief minister Kazi Lhendup Dorji repeatedly has charged that the Chogyal was using his 400 palace guards to instigate violence among the people of Sikkim, a tiny Himalayan kingdom bordering India.

In a telegram Tuesday to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Dorji demanded that the Chogyal step down.

PTI said the battle was apparently the first action launched by the Indian government to remove the Chogyal as constitutional head of Sikkim, an associate state of India.

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Templeton Prize Received

London, April 10 (UNI): The Indian High Commissioner in Britain, B. K. Nehru received the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion on behalf of India's former president, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was awarded the prize this year, according to the American Agency, Associated Press.

The prize instituted by United States financier John Templeton, was presented by Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

The citation said that Dr. Radhakrishnan, 88, "has led to the rediscovery of the understanding features in world religion today." He was once the Professor of Eastern Religion and Ethics at Oxford University.

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IMMIGRANTS AND CITIES

One of the most important arguments heard these days from those favour a drastically reduced rate of immigration to Canada is that the immigrants flock to the cities and cause more and more of undesirable urban concentration. There is certainly no doubt that too much of urban concentration will produce undesirable effects in terms of social conditions. Many U.S. cities may be cited as supreme examples of this malady. Such a situation should not, of course, be allowed to happen in Canada.

Having said this, it should be added that the blame is not, and should not be, on the immigrants. Apart from the fact that native born internal migrants are as much responsible for such a situation as immigrants are, the blame rightfully belongs to all levels of government of the country for their inability to develop effective and efficient policies and programs to make smaller towns and cities more attractive to live in. If smaller towns and cities offer comparable (or even a little less) economic and cultural opportunities neither the immigrants nor the internal migrants would go to live in the heavily populated metropolitan areas.

In other words, to restrict immigration on the basis that it results in urban concentration is putting the cart before the House. If adequate steps are taken to develop new towns and cities and to make existing smaller towns and cities more attractive for people, there will be no problem of urban concentration.

In order to assure the availability of better facilites and opportunities in smaller towns and cities, all levels of government will have develop imaginative policies. Economic incentives could be provided. Spcial amenities could be created. A vast range of policy options may be suggested. Some of them are lower rates of income tax for those living in smaller towns and cities, lower mortgage rates, subsidized recreation, cultural and educational facilities, special incentives for industries etc., etc.

Guyana Appreciates India's Efforts

New Delhi, April 8(UNI): India and Guyana have stressed "the importance of continuing cooperation among the Non-Aligned nations in their efforts to achieve world peace and rapid economic progress of the developing countries."

A joint communique issued at the end of the External Affairs Minister, Y.B. Chavan's visit to Guyana and released here, said India and Guyana agreed that the recent Havana meeting of the Bureau of Non-Aligned nations made "a valuable contribution to the strengthening of non-alignment, particularly in the Caribean and Latin America."

The communique said the Guyana Foreign Minister, S.S. Ramphal at whose invitation Mr. Chavan visited the country, "noted the significant role of India in world affairs, in the Non-Aligned movement and her contribution to the cause of international peace and the struggle against neo-colonialism, racialism, injustice and exploitation."

Mr. Ramphal "expressed full appreciation and support of the various initiatives taken by India to reduce tensions and promote peace" in the south Asian subcontinent.

During the visit, Mr. Chavan met the Guyanese President, Arthur Chung and the acting Prime Minister, F.A. Reid. In Georgetown, Mr. Chavan was accorded a civic reception and presented with the "Freedom of the City

Letters

Special UNICEF Program for U. P.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has recently been officially requested by the Govt. of India to launch a special program to assist women and children living in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh, who are the victims of recent severe droughts and disastrous floods. Specifically, the Government asked UNICEF to assist in the establishment of more than 1,600 centers in these states to reach more than 370,000 children as well as pregnant and nursing mothers. The primary purpose of the program, in the words of the Government, is "to check malnutrition and to provide rehabilitation services to children and mothers."

UNICEF was quick in its response to this urgent need. The first plane carrying UNICEF clothing, blankets, medicine and special high protein food, landed in Calcutta on the 5th of December 1974. By sea and air such shipments are continuing, since the situation of malnutrition will not improve in the next several months. Recently the Govt. of India has asked UNICEF to extend the program to 2 million additional children and mothers in calendar 1975.

The child relief program supported by UNICEF has already begun in the Deoria District of Uttar Pradesh, the Goalpara District of Assam, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar Districts of West Bengal, Phulbani and Koraput Districts of Orissa, and Baster, Raipur Durg, Raj Nandgaon, Bilaspur, Raigarh and Sarguja Districts of Madhya Pradesh.

To finance the cost of this program, UNICEF must now urgently raise $20 million from governments, organizations and individuals for the total program to reach 2,370,000 children and others during 1975. All funds given by an organization or an individual will go only to the purchase of emergency goods; none will be spent on overhead or administrative charges.

Any individual or organization willing to contribute to this UNICEF-assisted program is requested to send a check made payable to "UNICEF", and in the lower left hand corner to indicate that the contribution is for the "Special Indian Child Relief Program". Checks should be mailed to the following address:

Special Indian Child Relief Program/UNICEF
Box 1633
Grand Central Post Office
New York, N. Y. 10017

Mrs. Chitra S. Desai is the co-ordinator for this special fund drive among Indians (organizations and individuals) in the United States and Canada.

Before sending out any publicity to your members concerning this important Special Indian Child Relief Program, you are urged for the sake of accuracy and uniformity of information about this campaign, to contact Mrs. Desai. This will enable her to keep informed about the efforts which you and other groups are undertaking and to help co-ordinate the campaign to achieve maximum results. She will be glad to answer any questions about this campaign, and can be reached by calling (212) 486-1346 or writing to her at the above address.

Because of the needs of children and mothers in special districts of India today, your support for this UNICEF-assisted special program in India will be greatly appreciated.

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Senator Yuzyk Elected To IPU Executive

Canada, the United States and 72 other countries, including those of the Soviet bloc, are members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This Union was established in 1889 on the initiative of Great Britain and France to hold periodical conferences for International Arbitration.

The activities of the Union consist of International Conferences, held annually; in 1974 one was held in Tokyo, Japan. Studies of parliaments at Symposia result in publications. A large Library acquires books in this special field and maintains up-to-date files and information indices. Technical assistance is given to Assemblies of developing countries.

The Inter-Parliamentary Council consists of 2 members of each affiliated Group. This year the President is G.S. Dhillon of India and the Vice-President is Congressman E. J. Derwinski of the United States.

The Canadian Group is very active in this Union. This year's chairman is the Hon. Robert Stanbury, M.P. of Toronto, a former minister. The Executive Committee consists of 21 members of the House of Commons and 7 of the Senate, representing all parties. The two representatives to the Inter-Parliamentary Council are R. Stanbury (Liberal) and R. G. L. Fairweather (Progressive Conservative), past chairman.

For the second year, Senator Paul Yuzyk of Winnipeg, also a history professor, has been elected to the executive Committee of the Canadian Group of the IPU. His main fields of interest are Human rights, Information, Education and Cultural Affairs. In International Women's Year there will be a heavy schedule of worldwide activities.

Plan For Agra Development

Lucknow, (UNI): The Achaeological Survey of India proposes to undertake planned development of Agra — the city of the eighth wonder — as a tourist spot.

A Committee has been constituted for this purpose under the chairmanship of M. N. Deshpande, Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Agra is one of the points in the golden triangle of tourism in India, the other centres being Delhi and Jaipur. It is estimated that more than half of the foreign tourists visiting the country visit the three points.

According to official circles, it is also proposed to improve the landscape of the city in conformity with the Taj Mahal's legendry architecture.

Soap Exports

New Delhi, (UNI): India exported during 1973-74 soaps worth about .51 million US Dollars (Rs 38.4 lakhs), it has been officially stated. Of this, toilet soaps alone accounted for about .20 million U.S. Dollars.

Nepal topped the list of buyers of toilet soaps. Other major buyers were Afghanistan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and The united States.

Foreign Exchange

I would like to answer the question raised by P.O. Joshi, Charlettetown, P.E.I. on foreign exchange in the issue dated March 20. A friend of mine had gone through the same difficculty with the officials in India.

It was shocking to read the misinterpretation taken by the Assistant Collector Of Customs of New Delhi assuming the foreign act is applicable, as mentioned in the case. I think the officer should get on the banks back for supposedly issuing the draft in a currency which according to the acts rule has no right at all. I think he should visit his bank, request them to have a stop payment order issued immediately. This can be done if the draft is lost or stolen, misplaced or gets in wrong hands, as it is in this case. Usually the bank issues another draft, but he can request them to credit the amount in his account or request them to issue him the draft for the same amount equivalent to in Canadian $ to the same party. Good luck.

G.A. TANWANI, MONTREAL

Sikkim Assembly Restrained

Gangatok, April 12 (UNI): The Central Court of Gangtok restrained the election of two Sikkimese nominees to the two houses of Indian Parliament.

The Court's order was issued by Chief Magistrate Haromal Tarachand on an application filed by M. M. Raisily, till recently the Auditor General and Secretary of the press and Publicity Department, he filed his application as a Sikkim subject.

The Court by another order restrained the Government from continuing the departmental inquiry against Mr. Raisaily and passing any order thereon till the disposal of his application challenging his suspension.

Mr. Raisaily is now under suspension and bail following a complaint against him of alleged misappropriation of Government money.

The Constitution (35th Amendment) effective from 1975 March 1st, provides for Sikkim's participation in one Indian parliament.

The petitioner contended that Sikkim had its own sovereign international position as a Protectorate of India and could not recognize the Indo-Sikkimese Treaty with the Chogyal (ruler) as head of state and the Government and the subsequent events had in no way affected that position.

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Newspaper Circulation Up

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The total circulation of newspapers in India in 1972 registered an 8.2 per cent increase over that of 1971 — the circulation going up from 296.19 lakhs in 1971 to 320.27 lakhs in 1972 according to the annual report of the Registrar of Newspapers for 1973 placed on the table of the Rajya Sabha, upper house of parliament.

The Report, tabled by the Union Deputy Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. D. B. Sinha said Hindi continued to occupy the first place in publishing the largest number of newspapers in 1972 with 3083 papers, while English got the second place with 2368 papers.

The total number of newspapers during the year was 11,926.

The small newspapers gained an appreciable increase of 21.93 lakhs (16.9 per cent) in circulation during the year compared to nominal increase of 20,000 copies in the total circulation of big papers.

The Press in India in 1972 consisted of 793 dailies, 64 TRI-/BI-weeklies, 3,583 weeklies and 7,486 other periodicals compared to 821 dailies, 68 TRI-/BI-weeklies and 7,486 other periodicals compared to 821 dailies, 68 TRI-/BI-weeklies, 3,608 weeklies and 7,721 other periodicals in 1971.

The total number of Hindi newspapers stood at 3,083 at the end of 1972. It included 248 dailies, 1,453 weeklies and 1,382 other periodicals. Next came newspaper in English 2,386.

There were 95 newspapers in the top circulation bracket (above 50,000 copies), including 40 in the over one lakh circulation category. Twenty dailies had a circulation of above one lakh compared to 21 in 1970.

Small newspapers — 7,179 or 95.8 per cent of the 7,493 for which data were available — together accounted for 47.3 per cent of the total circulation while 95 big newspapers together accounted for 33.5 per cent. Medium newspapers numbering 219 had 19.2 per cent and share in the total circulation.

Big dailies — 42 in all — claimed nearly half (48.9 per cent) of the total circulation of all dailies. Eightyfive medium dailies shared one-fourth (27.6 per cent) while 474 small dailies had 22.5 per cent share.

Circulation wise Maharashtra had the largest share (67.88 lakhs) followed by Tamil Nadu (52.38 lakhs), Delhi (42.16 lakhs), West Bengal (29.87 lakhs), Kerala (27.05 lakhs) and Uttar Pradesh (26.23 lakhs.)

The highest circulation attained by a daily newspaper in 1972 (for a single edition paper) was 3,10,240 - Ananda Bazar Patrika (Bengali), Calcutta compared to 3,08,316 in 1971 for the same paper. The highest circulation attained by a periodical in 1972 was 4,19,056 by Kumuda (Tamil), Madras, compared to 3,74,373 for the same paper in 1971. Among multi-edition dailies the highest circulation of 4,22,428 was claimed by the seven-edition Indian Express in 1972. The Malayala Manoirama, Kottayam and Calicut, stood second with a circulation of 3,05,754.

During 1972 the circulation claims of 474 newspaper in 55 different publication centres spread over 17 states and union territories were investigated. The checks revealed exaggerated circulation claims of the order of 11.08 lakh copies per publishing day and resulted in a national foreign exchange saving of Rs 22.61 lakhs. Circulation checks so far have brought about a total foreign exchange saving of Rs 266.01 lakhs.

Bombay Samachar (Gujarati), Bombay, established in 1822 was the oldest daily. In 1972, 18 newspapers were over 100 years old.

Out of 11,926 newspapers, as many as 10,947 or 91.8 per cent commenced publication after attainment of independence. Of these, 2,905 papers were 10 to 25 years old, 2,336 were between 5 and 10 years old, 2,826 between 2 and 5 years old, and rest 2,880 upto 2 years old.

The total circulation of dailies during the year under review was 88.73 lakhs, lower by 2.23 lakhs copies or 2.5 per cent less as compared to 1971. In 1972, dailies and tri-and Bi-weeklies constituted 7.2 per cent of the total number of newspapers but accounted for 28.1 per cent of the total circulation.

Information available for 289 dailies showed that 25 dailies obtained 75 per cent or more or their total income from advertisement, 119 between 50 and 74 per cent, 115 between 25 and 49 per cent and 30 upto 24 per cent.

The number of persons employed on the editorial side of newspapers in 1972 was 3,227, (in 311 dailies) compared to 2,665 (in 310 dailies) in 1971. Thirty-four big dailies had 1,200 persons in the editorial staff, 53 medium dailies 947 and 224 small dailies 1,080. Newspapers' Editors were associated with the management in 158 dailies (9 big, 20 medium and 129 small). In 129 dailies including 9 big, 17 medium and 103 small, the Editors were proprietors also.

One hundred and ninety two dailies had 4,349 exclusive correspondents against 2,986 (working for 190 dailies) during the preceeding year. One-hundred and fifteen correspondents were stationed in foreign countries.

Archaeological Finds

New Delhi, April 10 (UNI): A new inscription has been discovered in an Ajanta cave (in Maharashtra) during chemical cleaning of paintings of by the Archaeological Survey of India.

S. R. Rao, Superintending Archaeologist of the South Western Circle, Aurangabad, who discovered the inscription in cave no. ten said it was painted in Brahmi characters of the fifth century A. D. below the beautiful figure of standing Buddha on the fifth pillar in the right side row of the cave.

Consortium Suggested

New Delhi, (UNI): The Federation of Indian Export Organisations proposed to set up a consortium of contractors for taking up various types of construction work in Iraq.

This has been stated here by the Federation President, Raunaq Singh who led a team of exporters to Libya and iraq recently to study the prospects of exports to those countries.

Impressions —1

Voice Of Hindi In Punjabi

By A. F. ASHTAMUDI

I shall begin at the very beginning.

I am waiting at the travel agent's office in downtown San Francisco, on a chilly, listless, January evening. This is the home of Taj Travels, a strictly one-man operation, catering to the needs of the Indian community in the San Francisco Bay area.

I heard of Taj Travels quite fortuitously one Saturday evening as I kept rotating the dial of my receiver from one end to the other, and back. It just happens to be a handy diversionary tactic for me during infrequent periods of anxiety. This was a relatively mild attack; so I did not have to resort to the services of a psychiatrist or reach for a dose of librium. Suddenly, from the din of an ethnic radio station, there emerges the voice of one Gudiyaal Maan. He is announcing the start of a one hour radio program called "Voice of India". As it turned out, the "Voice of India" could more appropriately be labelled the 'Voice of Hindi in Punjabi'. I have no difficulty understanding my fellow Indians when they speak English with the accents, intonations, and emphasis derived from their particular regional languages. I myself depend on one such accent. But it took me nearly an hour to decode Gudiyaal Maan from unblemished Hinglish to fairly understandable English.

Quite liberally interjected between the beginnings and tail-ends of Hindi film songs, mostly of the sordid variety, were the typical advertisements. There was one from a foreign exchange dealer who promised generous exchange rates for Rupees. There was even a hint of tax deductibility. And to make matters even more enticing, there was a 'buy now pay later' plan to suit the exigencies of his clients. The money, it was said, would be hand delivered in India, quite discreetly. There followed a few advertisements from Indian grocery stores, of which there must be half a dozen in the area. For the first time I am made aware of the existence of flash frozen Ladoos and Jalebis. Instant dosais and idlees vie with one another for unparalleled gastronomic adventures. And what can be more delightful than pappadums on sale?

All items, including greeting cards and a new shipment of sarees, have been drastically reduced for a January sale. A raspy, screechy voice, recites in undue haste, the contents along the "aisles of the Bazaar of India". I am told there is a delightful array of pickles all the way from '777' to Veerasamy and Baedeker and Fernandes and Khanna. In addition, the latest in records, tapes, film magazines and pulses are being offered at attractive prices. And then more sarees. These are probably not the real sarees if you know what the Japanese have done to it recently. It is saree, if you want to call it; but devoid of its elegance. A saree without Pallav and border is a piece of cloth crying in torment.

In the midst of all this advertisement there is one in particular which struck me for it's ingenious use of alamkaara. I will quote Gudiyaal Mann. "Shoot ke liye Shabnani; Khaney ke liye Khanna". He was of course referring to the sartorial abilities of Shabnani and the large array of foods in Khanna's store. The juxtaposition could not have been more apt. But in the process, Gudiyaal Maan came very close to wrecking the budding business enterprise of Shabnani by vocalising shoot for suit. Perhaps in his desire to abide by the rigors of poetic virtuosity, he had overshot himself into the nether world of foggy talk. R. D. Burman appears to reign supreme on the airwaves. The son, clearly, has diverged from his distinguished father's footsteps. Aesthetic sensibility is drowned in a sea of raucous music. There are announcements for movies to be shown during the weekend, including a "two movies for the price of one" offer which includes popsicle to lure the young.

And then Gudiyaal Maan announces the existence of Taj Travels. There is a strong indication that if Taj Travels is patronized, one could effect considerable savings on the travel fare to and from India. The exact nature of that savings is conveniently left to the limits of one's imagination. Despite the speech impediment, Gudiyaal sounds quite convincing. I am somewhat frustrated by the lack of a pencil within easy reach as Gudiyaal reads off a phone number. But I manage to remember the name, for the connection is too obvious to miss. The Taj is a word that is as Indian as Ford is American. That is why the word reminds me not only of poetry in marble, but also of such mundane things as Coffee shops in Kumbakonam, Ernakulam, Etawah, Gorakpur and Hoshiarpur. The name has been proliferating in such far away places as Martinique Surinam, Fiji, Borneo and Abu Dhabi due to the effectiveness of our singularly enterprising business community. I shall not go into the shiny little plastic Taj that was displayed prominently and with loser-like light effects on a revolving platform in my friend's living room out in Californias ticky-tacky suburbia.

Back to the 'Voice of India'. This a prime example of the vulgarity that passes for Indian culture in a foreign setting. I have listened to Indian radio programs in Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver and San Francisco. And I am continuously amazed at the depths to which my countrymen can sink into vulgarity gone beserk. Needless to say, most of these are a continuous blare of Hindustani film music and torrents of ads that does violence to the ears. We do have some excellent compositions in Hindustani music, filmy or otherwise. But those who run these radio programs have a remarkable affinity for the gross. They seem to think that decibel power is a good index of musical taste. So what we have is a hodge-podge of Latin and Hawaiian rhythms a la R. D. Burman. Harmonicas, drums, trombones, clarinets, violins, guitars, organs and banjos compete in a cacophony of riotous sound. Rarely is all this relieved by the saving grace of a Naushad, on S. D. Burman or a Salil Choudhury. Kishore Kumar sometimes comes in with a rare flash of genius. More often than not Punjabi and Gujerati songs are rendered on top of Hindi. I have yet to hear a single Bengali or Tamil song; to mention only two of the more lyrical Indian languages.

In contract to this, there are two local radio stations KPFA in Berkely and KTAO in Los Gatos which have consistently presented programs of Indian music which are truly Indian in form and content. KTAO, for instance, had a seven day marathon program in Indian music in the fall of '73. It was a sumptuous treat. One could hear Chitti Babu, Balamuralikrishna, Lalgudi, Subbulakshmi, Lakshmi Shanka and Vilayat Khan along with a whole galaxy of musical luminaries in uninterrupted splendour. In addition it featured a two hour program every week which tilted heavily (to borrow Kissinger's notorious phrase) in favour of light Indian classical music. Both KPFA and KTAO are non-commercial, listener-supported ventures. I am certain they cater to a more select audience. KPFA has frequently broadcast live performances by Indian musicians who reside in this area or come here on extended tours. With Ali Akbar Khan's college of Music in San Rafael, the World Music Program in Berkely, and the Society for Eastern Arts in San Francisco there is no dearth of artistes. For free dance and song routines, one can of course watch the frenzied antics of the Hare Krishnas in any big city corner. More on the Hare Krishnas, later.

The Queen of Abhinaya, Balasaraswati and her daughter Lakshmi Shanmugam are just completing a ten month teaching and performing schedule at the World music centre in Berkely, along with Rananathan, Vishwanathan, Narayanaswamy and Vinayak Ram. Sometimes get the feeling that there are more top calibre Indian artistes in San Francisco than in any single city in India. There is some elemental charm that this city exerts on its visitors; and our musicians sense it very keenly. That is why they linger here for more than a few performances. And the people here (not the Indian population) respond with an enthusiasm that is truly contagious.

One of the first artistes to settle in San Francisco were the Kathakali duo Shivram and Janaki. Both have contributed in good measure to the revival of Kathakali and Mohini-Attam in India and to its exposition outside India at a time when it was not all that popular. They were pioneers like Uday Shankar. While Janaki has recently retired from active dance programs, Shivram continues to give solo performances in U.S. Campuses and in Australia. When I met Shivram in December of '74, he indicated his interest in securing a resident dance teaching position preferably in a University or College set up.

New Ballistic Plant

Nagpur (Maharashtra), April 6 (UNI): India's Minister of State for Defence Production, Ram Niwas Mirdha inaugurated the Rs 200 million ($26.67 million) rocket propellants and ballistic project at the Ordnance Factory, Bhandara, 64 kilometres from here.

The Rentalsman and you.

Everything you've always wanted to know about landlord-tenant laws but didn't know who to ask.

The Landlord and Tenant Act of British Columbia governs the relationships between landlords and tenants who rent residential premises. The Act clearly defines many of the rights and obligations of both parties.

Misunderstandings may still arise however, and it is for this reason that the government has established the Office of the Rentalsman — to act as ombudsman and mediator in landlord-tenant disputes, and to provide prompt decisions.

The Rentalsman and You, which also shows the forms required under the Act, is an easy-to-read summary of the Act prepared to help you understand your rights and obligations as a landlord or tenant. If you did not receive this brochure in the mail, you can obtain it and a sample of each form from the Government Agent in your area, or from the Office of the Rentalsman. If you need more information or assistance in landlord-tenant matters, please write us . . . or telephone collect if your problem is urgent.

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Aandhi: Sentimental And Serious

Screenplay, dialogue and direction by Gulzar

Gulzar belongs to the Bimal Roy-Hrishikesh Mukerji school of film-making. After replying Rajinder Singh Bedi as a writer for Hrishikesh and making a name for himself for writing Anand, a derivative from a Japanese film, it was natural for him to take to direction. His earlier attempts at direction were adaptation of Indian and foreign films like mere Apne (Hindi remake of Tapan Sinha's Apanjan), Parichay (a rehash of The Sound of Music), Koshish (a subtle plagiarisation of Happiness of Us Alone, the much-admired japanese film featuring a deaf and dumb couple). Achanak was based on K.A. Abbas's short story yet its technique and theme were reminiscent of a Czech war film one saw in the 1965 film festival in New Delhi. Aandhi is supposed to have been based on Kamleshwar's Kali Aandhi, a Hindi novelette serialisted some years ago in Saptahik Hindustan. Gulzar has taken only its central character — a woman politician modelled on prime minister Indira Gandhi — and has woven expertly political and emotional crises in her life. In a way it is satire on the present-day election politics, but only in parts. Serious tones make it more a serious film than a satirical one.

Aandhi has qualities of considerable merit. It combines present-day fact with inevitable fiction, to overcome the problem of censorship. But one can say straightway that the board censor has become liberal, though not to an ideal extent. Only a couple of years ago it took objection to a character being named Indira (in Gambler), with the result that the film-maker had perforce to change it ad re-dubb the film with disastrous sound distortions in places. But then Aandhi is very sympathetic to the real-life political personality on which the film's central character is patterned. Its other characters have a reality and naturalness about them. To a student of recent political history, especially of the last two decades of independent India, many incidents, situations and dramatis personae will look familiar; the central character, the lady politician, as we said earlier, is based in no uncertain terms on our Prime Minister. From the very moment she steps down from the copter to run her electoral campaign personally in a locality, right to the end when she boards the 'copter to go to the legislature, Suchitra Sen reminds one of none but Indira Gandhi. Even in the emotional (private) part of the dual personality of the lady politican, some details have counterparts in reality: she is the only child of her ambitious politican-father, from a young age she is trained as a politcian when she helps her mayor-father in his political work, she marries the man of her choice defying her father's wishes, for over a decade she is separated from her husband to carve out a political career for herself, etc.

Suchitra Sen builds up the character of the cool and calculating lady politican with her stiff stances, high demeanour, commanding personality and gentle but imposing mannerism. Even the outfit given to uchitra Sen is fashioned after the prime minister's usual electioneering attire — white cotton sari (the black border is a little broader), full sleeve white blouse, head covered with the sari pallav, and streaks of grey hair. Suchitra Sen easily catches the Indira cadences which is not easy because Indira Gandhi is not a caricature of anyone. Suchitra Sen's is a remarkably authentic and impressive performances.

Sanjeev Kumar, twice Bharat (best actor) award winner — Dastak and Koshish — appears ludicrous as the woman politician's husband-cum-hotel manager, at least in he by first half — so overpowered is he by Suchitra Sen's personality and play-acting. However, slowly he gains confidence and comes into his own but only when enough damage has been done to his reputation. Even in the flashbacks depicting their romance Suchitra Sen, older than Sanjeev Kumar, is more exuberant and playful than he.

By turns sentimental and serious, Aandhi deals with the nation's current concerns — corruption and offensiveness of politicans and their agents in fighting elections: for them it is the end that matters not the means. Pungently written, with some satirical barbs here and there, Gulzar has directed it in a matter-of-fact style, intercutting between the past and the present with the matching "action", like tea-taking to tea-taking, or door-opening to door-opening. However, none of the flashbacks reflects upon the present, which leaves a taste of artificality. So many songs have been crammed into the couple's emotional, youthful life that after a time their range and patterning look mechanical, just like any other Hindi film. Which is a pity. Gulzar, however, proves himself a keen observer of life and living styles by selecting even the small but telling details with care.

A.K. Hangal glides through the servant's role as a smoothly as he has done a number of times in a number of films.

Om prakash is known for his seriocomic roles he fits the role of the lady politican's election agent who knows the wiles and weaknesses of politicans, and who can manoeuvre and manipulate for his boss. But what he does not know is his boss's mind (and of course her past married life), and that is precisely the complaint of the politicans, including her close colleagues. The lady is so unpredictable, as in real life.

How cruel of the film makers to drop the scenes picturized on baby Sonia, though she is mentioned in the cast credits. She is a constant topic of conversation betwen the estranged couple, and, in a way, responsible for bringing about reconciliation between them.

(DARSHAK IN DEMOCRACTIC WORLD)

Imaan

Honest dealings at the personal and corporate level, indulging in forward trading (**satta**), illegitimate business deals, unbusiness-like practices and reforms in the civil and penal codes are some of the issues that Imaan loudly proclaims it deals with — and tries to find some methods of increasing, curbing or tightening. That virtue triumphs at the end has to be the conclusion of Imaan but so much footage is devoted to explaining that anyone following the path of honesty and fair dealing is a loser, though only temporarily. And that is precisely what happens to our imaandar (upright) shopkeeper. Thematically, Imaan is as good a film as we are likely to have, though it is thickly encrusted with fine and crude, intelligent and naive viewpoints on life, both public and private. One does not know whom to blame for it.

Leena Chandavarkar, noted for her doll-like loveliness, does some acting in flickering moments of the film. After Manchali, this is the second time she is paired with Sanjeev Kumar. A double role as in Imaan is nothing new for Sanjeev Kumar, or difficult, since he has done 9 roles in Naya Dina Naya Raat. To use a cliche he carries the film on his experienced shoulders, both as the honest man and as the corrupt fellow. He knows how to project a character in a way that will appeal to the audience.

There is nothing remarkable about Padmanabh's direction. His first film Do Chor, a potpourri of many theft-and-mystery thrillers (Topkapi, How to Steal A Million and many more) had much greater professional finesse about it. Visually Do Chor was better; in Imaan the spoken word has precedence.

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Horse Racing Abolished In Tamil Nadu

Madras, April 11 (UNI): The king of sports or a sport of the kings", as horse racing is known, has become a thing of the past with the last card of seven events at Guind here.

Horse racing was introduced in Madras in 1877. Although the Congress Government in 1948 had proposed to abolish betting and enacted a legislation to the effect, its implementation had been put off year after year. Only last year the present Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Government announced that horse racing would be abolished from November one. Later at the request of the Turf Authorities it was continued till March 30, when the current season also ends.

The state government stands to lose a revenue of Rs 20 million ($2.67 million) annually by way of betting and entertainment taxes.

The race club authorities have been pleading for retention of horse racing as it provided indirect employment to several hundreds of people, encouraged horse breeding in India and attracted tourists to Madras city.

Support For Zone Proposal

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): India's External Affairs Minister, Y.B. Chavan said here that all participating nations and the Latin American countries in the Non-aligned Bureau Meeting had "overwhelmingly" supported the move to keep the Indian Ocean free from foreign military bases.

Mr. Chavan, who returned here from Havana after attending the meeting, said while they denounced the expansion of military facilities at the Anglo-American base in the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, they eulogised India's frantic efforts to prohibit the navies of the superpowers to send warships into the Indian Ocean.

SOS To Save Kerala Youths

Kottayam, april 11 (UNI): The Kerala Youth Congress leader, Oommen Chandy, a member of Legislative Assembly, has sought the intervention of the state government "to save the lives of the Malayalee youths in Dubai".

He told UNI here that more than hundred Malayalee youths had been taken to Dubai about two months ago by some agents on the promise of getting them employment. They were reported to have paid thousands of rupees to the agents. On reaching Dubai, the youths, who were educated and skilled workers, found that they had been cheated. They were working as "slaves", he alleged.

He said according to some letters he had received, the Malayalees had been attacked by ruffians and the agents who had cheated them.

Nagaland Under Central Rule

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): Nagaland was brought under President's Rule (direct Central Administration), with the state Assembly being kept in suspended animation.

A Proclamation to this effect (under Article 356 of the Constitution) was issued by the President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed after receiving a recommendation from the Union Cabinet.

Newspaper Committee Submits Report

New Delhi, (UNI): The fact-Finding Committee on Newspaper Economics has expressed grave concern over the "monopolistic tendencies" in the newspaper industry and recommended that the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC) should be empowered to deal with any case of suspected monopoly in this industry.

The committee, which was headed by Dr. Bhabatosh Datta, in its 650 page-report, said the Government should control the prices of newspapers on the same lines as those of essential commodities.

The Committee has also favoured delinking of newspapers from the industrial houses and diffusion of ownership of newspapers in order to broaden the "ownership-base" covering even employees outside the groups of original owners.

The Committee felt that if newspapers were accepted as a public service, "it is essential that profits earned from newspapers should be ploughed back into the newspaper enterprise itself."

The report has covered practically all aspects of the newspaper industry and made some important recommendations on curbing monopolistic tendencies, delinking of newspapers from industrial houses, the need to give institutional support to small and medium papers and for fuller investigations into the irregularities committed by some newspapers.

Foreign Powers Inciting Violence

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi said "certain foreign powers" were involved in the recent eruption of violence in parts of north-eastern India.

Addressing the annual conference of the country's Inspectors General of Police here, Mrs. Gandhi said the situation had to be faced with imagination and tact and not merely through strong-arm methods.

Expressing her government's concern over the growing cult of violence in the country, she asked the police organisation to initiate far-reaching changes in the force to make it more responsive to this kind of situation.

BHU Reopened

Varanasi, April 10 (UNI): The Banaras Hindu University, which has closed indefinitely following disturbances at the Vice Chancellor's residence on March 14, was opened partially on April seven.

More Awards For Hockey Stars

New Delhi, (UNI): Five railway hockey layers in the Indian team victorious in the third World Cup tournament which beat Pakistan in the finals have been awarded Rs 3000 ($400) each.

The five players are: Varinder Singh, Ashok Dewan, V. Philips, Michael Kindo and Surjit Singh.

In addition to being given the cash awards, the players would be considered for promotion to the next grade.

The Uttar Pradesh Government will present one "Vijay" scooter each to the members of the Indian team.

Pak Invitation To Cricket Team

New Delhi, (UNI): India has received an invitation from Pakistan to send an Indian cricket team to that country in 1975-76.

More Bogies To Canada

New Delhi, (UNI): The Diesel Locomotive Works of the railways has secured an order for exporting bogie truck frames to Canada.

The order, worth Rs 4,00,000 ($53,333) was for four frames and three of them had already been shipped.

The DLW had earlier exported 300 connecting rods to Montreal Locomotive Works.

Indian Sportsmen For Int'l Meet

Calcutta, April 12 (UNI): India will participate in the Asian Volley Ball Championships to be held at Melbourne from August 30, the Volley ball Federation of India Secretary, H. P. Chakraborty has said here.

Chakraborty said that thirty-one men and twenty four women players have been selected from the national Volley Ball Championships which concluded recently.

India will also take part in the two-day International Schools Athletics Championships at Poitiers (France) on June six and seven, the School Games Federation of India Secretary, A. Bose has said.

Mr. Bose said that eleven boys and six girls from different states have been called to attend the selection trials.

N.Z. Eve Cricketeers To Visit India

Lucknow, (UNI): A women's cricket team from New Zealand will visit India in November to play four zonal matches and five test matches, according to Mohammad Nawab, Organising Secretary, Uttar-Pradesh State Women's Cricket Association.

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A brochure titled *The Rent Increase Limit and its Exceptions* is available upon request, from the Rent Review Commission office, or from your nearest Government Agent office.

Guyana Disriminates Against Indians

The Government of India has received reports from Guyana alleging discrimination against Guyanese nationals of Indian origin, the Deputy Minister for External affairs, Bipin Pal Das has said in the Rajya Sabha.

However, the Minister said, no useful purpose would be served by discussing a matter which fell within the domestic jurisdiction of a sovereign friendly country.

In Guyana there were seven Ministers who were of Indian origin, the Minister said. Some other people of Indian origin dominated the business there. India, by maintaining good relations with Guyana, helping these people so that they were not discriminated against.

India To Continue Anti-Racist Tirade

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The External Affairs Minister, Y. B. Chavan reiterated India's resolve to support the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

In a message released on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, he said India would continue to support the struggle against racism till it was successful.

"The aparthend in the Union of South Africa, the illegal occupation of Namibia and the denial of political rights to the people of Zimbabwe are all based on the doctrine of superiority of a certain race" he said, and added the struggle for eliminating aparthéid from Africa has to be intensified. Human beings are still being denied basic dignity by the oppressive racists regimes there."

Portugese Diplomat Arrives

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): A senior Portuguese career diplomat, Dr. M. Brito, arrived here to establish a resident Portuguese diplomatic mission in the capital.

Dr. Brito will be designated the Portuguese Charge D'affaires. India is also setting up a mission in Lisbon and a diplomatic representative will be shortly sent there.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries were broken off in 1955 over the Goa issue.

Pondicherry Achieves Birth Rate Target

Pondicherry, April 7 (UNI): The Union Territory of Pondicherry has already achieved the Fifth Plan national target of birth rate-thirty per thousand.

Speaking at rural family welfare planning valedictory function, Dr. Sambasivam, Deputy Director of Family Planning said that the Pondicherry Government now had a birth rate of 22 per thousand which was higher than that of national target.

Guyana Organisation Supports Hindi

The Mahatma Gandhi Organisation of Guyana has come out in full support of the call by the World Hindi Convention that Hindi be accepted as one of the official languages of the United Nations and its allied agencies.

MGO General Secretary Dr. Balwant Singh said that a resolution to this effect was passed unanimously at the Convention which was just ended in Nagpur, India.

Among the delegates who strongly backed the proposal were those representing Western Europe and the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Sewoosagar Ramgoolam who also attended the Convention made a strong plea in favour of the proposal.

Dr. Singh has asked that the Minister of Education, Miss Cecline Baird give consideration to Guyana also supporting the resolution.

Bilateral Assistance From 13 Countries

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): India is receiving bilateral technical assistance in the shape of expert services, fellowships, equipment and materials from Australia, Canada, Benmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, German Democratic Republic, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Most of these countries have a time-frame approach for their assistance to India and have far-marked specific sums of money over a period of years. But in some cases assistance has been given on an ad hoc basis.

Canada has provided assistance to India in the fields of irrigation and power, railways, atomic energy, agriculture, medicine mining and for development of oil and natural gas, besides providing the services of Canadian experts and training facilities for Indian personnel.

Mrs. Gandhi Warns Against Ignoring Devloping Countries

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi warned if problems of developing countries were bypassed, the world economy would continue to suffer from a basic distortion.

Inaugurating the 42nd Miners International Congress here, Mrs. Gandhi said this was the reason why India always emphasised that discussions on the current economic crisis should include not only the major consumers and producers of oil but also developing countries.

The discussions should not be confined to oil but should also cover other essential and scare commodities, especially food and fertilisers, the Prime Minister added.

Welcoming the foreign delegates from about 32 countries, Mrs. Gandhi said that they might have an opportunity to see here many contradictions in the social and economic conditions of Indian life and the government's efforts to tackle them.

Indo-Nepal Trade

New Delhi, April 11 (UNI): The prices of Indian export products to Nepal from April will be settled on the basis of prices realised from India's current export sales to other friendly neighbouring countries.

In this connection, the Indian Ambassador in Kathmandu had met the Nepalese Minister of Industry and Commerce in early March and communicated to him India's view that realistic prices would be charged for supply of commodities to Nepal.

During 1973-74, India's exports to Nepal amounted to Rs 288.9 million ($38.52 million) while the imports from Nepal were around Rs 130 million ($17.3 million).

Meanwhile, India has agreed to supply several essential commodities cement, coal, iron and steel items, galvanised iron pipes and corrugated sheets to Nepal during 1975-76.

This was included in the agreed minutes signed here last week at the conclusion of the fourth meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint Review Committee. It discussed various aspects of the Treaty of Trade and Transit, 1971.

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Yeti Spotted

Katmandu, April 7 (UNI): A Polish Archeologist has claimed that he saw the Yeti or the "Abominable Snowman" in the Everest region of the Himalayas in February.

Janus Tomaszczuk, 28 said he saw this elusive creature between Pheriche and Lobuche while he was returning after a trek in the region of the world's tallest mountain, the 29,028 foot high Everest.

He lost his way and got separated from his Canadian and British colleagues and trekking at dusk completely exhausted and with a swollen knee, he said.

"I then saw a figure moving ahead of me at a distance of about 40 metres, and I mistook it for a sherpa guide. I shouted for help and said at the top of my voice I was dying of exhaustion", he said.

But on hearing the voice, "the scared biped raced fast with a stoop, moving its hands very fast and without turning its face towards me", Mr. Tomaszczuk said.

"I had not believed in the very existence of the Yeti but now I am convinced that such a creature exists," he said.

British mountaineer Eric Shipton made the Yeti famous in the early fifties by naming it "The Abominable Snowman".

Afghanistan Seeks Indian Aid

New Delhi, (UNI): India has offered to provide technical services and complete equipment for the first Afghan railway project to link Islamqala and Zaidan in Iran with the Afghan capital Kabul.

This offer was conveyed at a ministerial meeting between Afghanistan and India and the Afghan representative are reported to have reacted favourably to the idea.

The railway project will povide a reliable alternative transport route for goods to reach Afghanistan more quickly as Zaidan is linked by rail to Bandarabad port in Iran. The trade between India and Afghanistan by land route is now subject to inordinate delays via Karachi, sometimes upto six months. This had forced some of the Indian companies to airlift goods they had contracted to export to Afghanistan. A private firm was now supplying the contracted 400 tractors by air at present.

Congress Warns

New Delhi, April 11 (UNI): The Congress Working Committee has called upon the people to wage a "relentless battle against the forces of violence" and to realise "the gravity of internal and external threats facing the country."

Without naming the United States, the Committee in a resolution deplored the resumption of arms aid to Pakistan "to further build up its military potential," and said that it would retard the process of normalisation in the region, set in motion after the simla accord between India and Pakistan in July 1972.

It said: "The recent attempts on the life of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Chief Justice A. N. Ray are an indication of the ruthlessness and desperation with which the anti-national forces are operating."

Indira Writes To Bhutto

New Delhi, April 7 UNI: The Prime Minster, Mrs. Indira Gandhi is understood to have sent a communication to the Pakistan Prime Minister, Z. A. Bhutto in reply to his letter protesting against the accord with Sheikh Abdullah on Kashmir.

Mrs. Gandhi is believed to have refuted Mr. Bhutto's allegation that the accord violated the provisions of the Simla Agreement between the two countries.

Mrs. Gandhi's reply is learnt to be on lines of her speech in the Rajya Sabha on March 13 while replying to the debate on the agreement with Sheikh Abdullah.

Badhrinath Shrine To Reopen

Srinagar, April 14 Garhwal (UNI): The Badrinath Temple will reopen to pilgrims on May five, the Chief Executive Officer of the temple said here.

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): Earnings from the export of transistors have increased from Rs 1.65 crores in 1973-74 to Rs 2.4 crores during the current financial year, says an official press release.

The exports were mainly to the United Kingdom, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Dahomi, West Germany, Dubai, Czechoslovakia, Liberia, Malaysia, Singapore and Switzerland.

Suspects Arrested

New Delhi, April 11 (UNI): Five persons suspected to be involved in the Samastipur bombs explosion January two which killed Railway Minister L. N. Mishra, have been arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation, K. Brahamananda Reddy, home Minister, has told the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament.

He said that one of them — Amarnath Thakur — had made a confessional statement before a magistrate after his arrest.

Asked whether they were connected with any political party, Mr. Reddy said: "It is still under investigation".

Teresa On Ceres Medal

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The Prime Minster, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has also appeared on the medal.

CPI Names JP Supporters In Civil Service

Patna, (UNI): A pro-Moscow Communist party of India startled the Bihar Assembly by disclosing names of several top-ranking government officials who were allegedly not only supporting the Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan-led movement for dissolution of the Assembly but also "financing" it.

The member, S. K. Roy, further disclosed that a central committee with Shankar Sharan, Works Commissioner, Public Works Dept., as convener had been formed to support the agitation.

Regional committees for north and south Bihar had also been set up with senior police officers as conveners, Roy alleged.

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Sari Made Indian Women Target Of Discrimination

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OTTAWA April 20 Sixteen years ago when Rhoda Pavris was told that the duplex she wanted to rent was suddenly not available , she suspected the problem had to do with the fact that she was wearing a sari.

Yesterday, dressed in a trim pantsuit, Mrs. Pavris told how she handled the only discrimination that has been directed at her personally since she came to Canada from Bombay in 1967.

She had four friends phone the real estate agent to inquire about the duplex, and armed with their testimony that the accommodation was still vacant, she told the company's general manager that she would report the incident to the attorney-general.

"The next morning, he called and told me the duplex was mine", said Mrs. Pavris, a Vancouver teacher and president of the East Indian Women's Association. She was in Ottawa to attend a three-day seminar on women and human rights.

Although Mrs. Pavris has not personally been the target of any further racial prejudice, she is alarmed by the growing number of attacks on the property of East Indians in the Vancouver area.

"I don't want to say the Government made a mistake, but I think it missed an opportunity to get education programs going simultaneously with the flow of new immigrants, to let the Canadian public know something about the new people coming here," she said.

She added that the years of easy entry into Canada had increased the numbers of immigrants who did not find it easy to adjust to the Canadian way of life.

Mrs. Pavris, who is one of the directors of the volunteer Immigrant Services Society in Vancouver, said she is surprised by the number of Canadians, including teachers, who see nothing wrong in admitting: "Sure, I'm prejudiced against immigrants. I want this country for my own kids."

She said that because the majority of East Indians in British Columbia have come from the Punjab, other residents assume they all do. The Asian immigrants from Uganda want to be called Ugandans because they don't want the social stigma of being called Indians, she said.

A massive education campaign through the schools and the media would help Canadians to understand more about the cultures, religions and languages newcomers are bringing, Mrs. Pavris suggested.

"I'm a Parsi. My ancestors were newcomers to India from Persia. How many Canadians know where the Parsis come from ? I look on this as a human rights issue, not just as an immigration issue," she said.

[The Globe and Mail]

Red Light Areas In Bombay

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): Members of the Lok Sabha, lower house of Indian Parliament have been given an unusual piece of information the location of Bombay's red light areas.

In a written answer to Communist Party of India member C.K.C. Endeppan, the Deputy Minister for Education, Social Welfare and Culture Arvind Netam said "according to the Government of Maharashtra, prostitution is reported to be carried on, independently and willingly, in buildings located at Falkland Road, Foras Road, Suklaji Street, Kamathipura St., Kandewadi, Kennedy Bridge, Bapty Rd., Khetwadi Rd. and lane."

The Minister was unable to give the number of "common prostitutes" in Bombay.

Value Of Rupee Rises

The exchange value of the rupee is going up.

The Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam has told the Rajya Sabha that, according to data available with the Government, there had been of late some appreciation in the un-official exchange rate of the rupee in some markets.

This was attributable to the several anti-inflationary, anti-smuggling and anti-black marketing measures taken by the Government, he said.

"It is government's aim to eliminate the unofficial exchange market for the rupee. Therefore, the question of bringing the unofficial value of the rupee in line with the official value does not arise," he added.

Undisclosed Wealth Siezed

Bhubaneswar, Orissa, April 7 (UNI): Undisclosed wealth in the form of gold jewellery and investments totalling Rs 14 lakhs and cash amounting to Rs 29,000 were seized from a leading businessman's residences in Bhubaneswar and another town in an eighteen-hour search conducted by Income tax officials according to official reports.

Most of the documents relating to the investment were seized from an underground cell in his village home. The entrance to the cell was covered by a steel almirah.

The existence of the secret cell and its entrance were found when one of the officers, out of curiosity, pressed a button placed in the corner of the cupboard.

Second Oil Drilling Rig Soon

Bombay, April 7 (UNI): India's off-shore oil drilling programme at Bombay high on the Western coast and other places will receive a boost with the arrival from Norway of "Hakanmagnus", the country's second oil drilling rig, shortly after the monsoon this year.

The rig, which has been ordered by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (O.N.G.C.) is a semi-submersible vessel unlike "Sagar Samrat", India's first oil drilling rig, which has a jack-up type platform.

"Hakanmagnus" is nearing completion at the Norway yard and is expected to leave on its long voyage to India in three or four months time.

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Hundreds Celebrate Hindu Phagwah

The Eastdale Secondary School on 701 Gerrard Street East Toronto was the venue where the CANADA HINDU ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED celebrated the Festival of PHAGWAH on March 29th.

Roop Sharma, Trustee of the Canada Hindu Organization explained that the festival of Phagwah is the most colourful and joyful of all Hindu festivals. It signifies the triumph of good over evil and Godliness over unrighteousness. Phagwah is very much as spiritually important as Easter, the Queen of Festivals, which is celebrated at this time also, and which is considered a day of triumphant joy proclaiming the sure hope of forgiveness, restoration and eternal life, won for our Christian brothers by the sacrificial death of Christ on Calvary.

It is significant to note that the festival also mark the end of the old year and the beginning of the new year according to the solar and lunar calendars of India.

In celebrating this grand festival, it has always been possible to blend pleasantly and harmoniously the religious and spiritual with the material and secular ultimately resulting in the greater unity of man as children of one God.

The celebrations were attended by many Canadians and others. The guest speakers for the evening were the Honourable Nick Leluk, Parliamentary Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Recreation and Mrs. Leela S. Nadkarn, Director of Tourism of the Government of India.

The musical side of the programme was under the Directorship of Azeez Khan, Musical Director of the Canada Hindu Organization. There were artistes from various states of India, Sri Lanka, Guyana and Trinidad.

The dancers included Mangala and Maneesha Timbe, Kum Kum Acharya, Diane Ngui Yen, & Nalini of Sri Lanka.

The singers included Azeez, Saleem, Buchan, Nasim, Chetram Bharat, Tharamdeo and Karamchand Bissoon Tara Persaud, Dolly Ramdin, Mrs. Sarkar, Mrs. N. Roy, Mrs. Mukerjee, Gomesh and Ken Samardo and group.

Mr. Leluk extended greetings from the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Culture and Recreation. He said he was happy to join in the celebrations and outlined the functions of the new Ministry of Culture and Recreation, and the Government's policy on multiculturism.

He said:

"I know you have a special interest in multiculturalism and I would like to talk briefly about our ministry's role in this area.

But first I want to say something about the government's policy on multiculturalism.

Although the responsibility for administering some of our programs relating to multiculturalism has changed, our policy on multiculturalism has not."

"The government of Ontario believes that every ethno-cultural community in Ontario has the right to develop its own cultural identity as it wishes within a Canadian setting.

"To continue to give support to that policy, the government has assumed a shared responsibility with the various ethno-cultural communities and groups for their continued cultural development.

"Over the past year we have provided almost $200,000 in financial assistance to more than 50 groups to carry out specific, short-term and innovative projects to facilitate interaction among ethnic groups and to further public awareness of the cultural diversity of Canadian society."

"I would also like to touch briefly on another matter which seems to concern many of those associated with cultural programs in Ontario and assure them of the government's continuing commitment in this area.

Although we will be reviewing all of our programs in the light of our new responsibilities and priorities, there will be no reduction in the government's support for culture and recreation."

"The Ministry of Culture and Recreation is directed to people — people as athletes... people as artists....people as craftsmen.... people as historians....people as readers....or as writers and, yes, people as citizens."

Roop Sharma said that in celebrating the festival in this fashion with a display of crafts, sarees, dances from various states of India and Sri Lanka together with English and Indian songs, the Canada Hindu Organization is trying to foster inter-ethnic and inter-cultural appreciation and understanding.

He feels that a culture of a people will not have its full meaning if it cannot be shared and enjoyed by others. He and other members of the Organization were happy to see so many other ethnic groups attending the celebrations.

Mr. Sharma in his welcome address to the hundreds of guests, complimented the Govt. for the significant step forward in creating the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. He said that one of the great resources of this Province is its quality of life, based on a rich and diverse cultural history.

The Canada Hindu Organization conducts regular cultural activities every Saturday, commencing at 4.00 p.m. at the Eastdale Secondary School Auditorium, 701 Gerrard Street East, Toronto. Tuition in classical and semi-classical Indian music, Hindi songs, Dances of India and Languages of India will be available soon. All are invited.

Multiculturalism Not Impemented: Yuzyk

By Juinis Majeczyk

Senator Paul Yuzyk has condemned the federal government for not implementing its multiculturalism policies.

A $10-million budget earmarked for the multiculturalism program in May, 1973, has not been spent, said the senator.

"Multiculturalism in Canada seems to be at a stalemate. If something is not done, the representatives of Canada's ethnic groups should put pressure on the government, at least in the matter of spending the $10 million for multicultural programs".

Oil In Imphal

Imphal, April 7 (UNI): The Manipur Chief Minister, Rajkumar Dorendra Singh has disclosed the possibility of finding oil and gas on a large scale in the heart of Imphal town itself.

Mr. Singh told the state Assembly that the Central Ground Water Board had started drilling at Lamphel Pat for exploration of ground water for irrigation purposes. But when it found very hard rock at a depth of 120 metres, it abandoned the idea of tapping underground water.

Canadian Importers

The types of merchandise in which Canadian importers have shown interest covers a wide range, namely textile fabrics, draperies, linen, towels, ready-made garments, jewellery, sports goods, footwear, leather goods, machine-tools, hardware items like hand-tools, locks and padlocks and other engineering goods, handicrafts and carpets.

Canadian Association For South Asian Studies To Meet

Canadian Association for South Asian Studies will hold its annual meeting from on June 4 and 5 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Among the papers discussing India are: "India's nuclear policy and Indo-Canadian relations," by Dr. O. P. Dwivedi of University of Guelph, a paper on Sudras and Vedas by Dr. Arvind P. Sharma of Harvard University, on Sati by Dr. R. S. Gandhi of University of Calgary. Papers are being presented by Dr. P. Sarbadhikar of Lakehead University and Dr. K. J. Charles, Dr. M. A. Qadeer of Queen's University, Dr. I. N. Kher of University of Calgary, Dr. M. Juneja of McMaster University, Dr. Mathew Zachariah of University of Calgary, Dr. A. K. Datt of University of Akron and Dr. R. D'Coster of University of Ottawa. Among panelists and participants are Dr. M. Chaudhry of Kingston, Dr. R. Krishna of University of Rajasthan, Dr. B. S. Minhas of Indian Planning Commission, Dr. N. K. Choudhry of University of Toronto, Dr. K. Ishwaran of York University, Dr. M. V. Naidu of Brandon University, Dr. P. Younger and Dr. J. Arapura of McMaster University, Dr. R. Sreevastava of University of Calgary, Dr. M. L. Handa of Toronto.

Karnatak Maestro Dies

Madras, April 7 (UNI): Musiri Subramania Iyer, a master of Karnatic music, died here after a brief illness.

He was 75 and is survived by his wife.

He was the recipient of Padma Bushan, the country's third highest civil award (1971), fellow sangeeta nataka academi (1968) and sangeetha kalanidhi (1937).

University Salaries To Rise

New Delhi, (UNI): The University Grants Commission Vice-chairman, Prof. Satish Chandra, said here that the Commission had accepted in principle that the salary scales in the universities should be more or less at par with those of class one officers of the Government of India.

He told a news conference that this principle had been accepted in order to raise both the social status of the teachers as well as to encourage a better quality of persons entering the teaching profession.

Operation Flood Alive And Well

New Delhi, (UNI): The second United Nations inter-agency mission which is currently in the country to review the performance of "operation flood" milk-scheme in metropolitan cities has expressed satisfaction on its functioning.

The Members of the team which toured the country for more than 20 days, told newsmen here that they had been very impressed with its performance and hoped that the project would achieve further success in this country.

The team is expected to submit its report to the United Nations in about two months.

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Kitchen Korner

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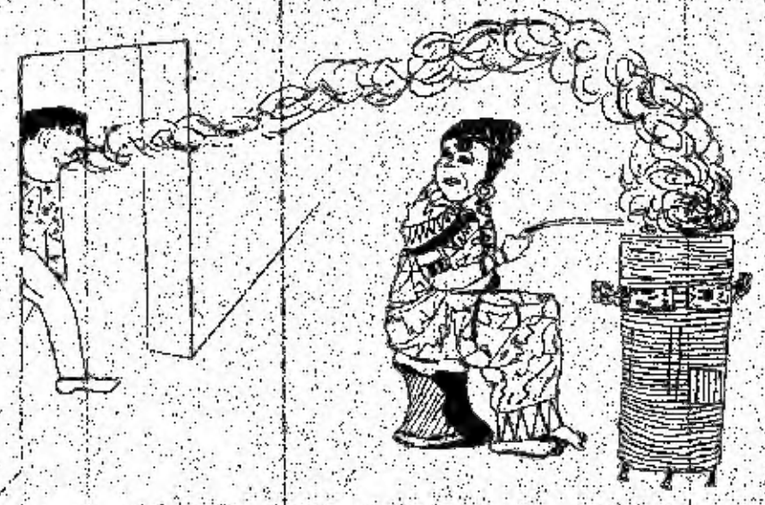

I love fish. Certain little habits from childhood stay with you all your life. One of these things that come to my mind is that my father used to bring lot of different varieties of fish - all fresh & live. We had to know their looks, kinds, names, and even the different tastes & flavors. But that is now only a fond memory of the past. Technology has brought profound changes in our life and eating habits. Thanks to modern science - today all these fishes, mostly frozen and including some fresh ones, come from thousands of miles away, to our table only after detouring through factories for processing. Complex machines wash & grade, skin & bone, wrap & freeze, and transform them into handy, packaged foodstuffs that not only save our time & effort but also make available the widest possible variety of fish in every locality and every season. The forzen fish fillets are delightful for the preparation of chops, kababs, koftas, and molees. This delicious molee provide a wonderful way of getting protein & yet is not too expensive to make when fish prices are right.

Fish Molee

1 lb. white fish, or sole - fillets; cut into serving pieces
½ tsp. of each salt and turmeric
2 large onions, thinly sliced
½ inch raw ginger root, finely chopped
2 tbsp. ghee
1 tsp. white flour
2 cloves of garlic, *minced*
2 to 4 green chilies, *(split the chili down the centre)*
1 cup coconut milk
2 tbsp. white vinegar or lemon juice

Rub fish with little salt & turmeric. Set aside. Heat ghee and fry fish lightly. Remove and set aside. Add the sliced onions, ginger, garlic, and chili to pan and fry until lightly browned. Add flour, salt and turmeric, stirring, pour in coconut milk. Boil about 2 minutes. Put in the fish, and simmer gently, uncovered, about 10 min. Add vinegar or lemon juice, stir once. Remove from heat and allow to stand, covered, for 5 minutes before serving.

Breakfast Boredom

The next time you decide to skip your breakfast, remember that good nutrition is not just one good meal a day. A healthy and balanced diet begins with breakfast. There is a long gap between dinner & lunch and we have to eat breakfast for our energy and nutrients supply so that we can work more efficiently in the morning. It would be very easy at a time like this to look back on "the good old days" when everybody knew how to enjoy food. In "the good old days" some people probably ate better, if less, than even the affluent persons of today. The reason being that they had access to home-grown foods. I can remember that mother always had special treat for our breakfast. During the afternoon she made several varieties of laddoos or balls and packed them into special tin boxes and prepared some different kinds of pancakes and malpuas for the next day. In those days I had great fascination for these boxes. While writing, I long for some of those foods. Back home we all enjoyed those days, but now why so many people have just a cup of coffee for breakfast? I think the same old toast and a bowl of cornflakes bore them. Finally, there are some who are on diet. But using the calorie chart you can have 3 meals a day and stay healthy while you are on diet.

If you are a creative cook and love to do variations on your breakfast dishes, here are few recipes to interest you. Although these recipes may never replace 'the good old days' breakfast such as crispy puffed rice & coconut ball with some ripe jackfruit and delicious mangoes, they can help chase away the breakfast blues. Start with an egg, then increase the food value by adding nutritious ingredients you may have right in the cupboard or refrigerator such as canned fruit, vegetable, flour, milk and nuts. There isn't anything humdrum about an egg. It keeps on being so accommodating - filling itself to our tastes and moods that there's always a new way to prepare it. Crisp and spicy vegetable malpua is a cheerful way to start your day, and the smell of pineapple vadas give a fragrant message of welcome to family and friends as they enter the kitchen. You will enjoy making this breakfast dishes not only because they are simple to make but also for their exciting flavour which certainly brings the appetite back. With a little more time and thought, breakfast can be one of the most delightful meals of the day. If you feel you never have enough time, plan the night before so that there will be very little to do in the morning. If you eat the right kind of food you won't need to eat great quantities to feel satisfied and nourished. It's not just how much you eat but it's what you eat that counts. Watch the next issues for the recipes.

Teachers' Organisation To Support J.P.

New Delhi, (UNI): An All India Sangharsh Samiti (people's struggle) of University and College teachers supporting the Jayaprakash Narayan-led movement has been formed, the Samiti Convenor, Dr. Varimal Kumar Das said in a statement.

Dr. Das said the samiti would "organise the academic community in support of the movement and against the onslaughts on academic freedom and university autonomy."

The formation of the samiti was decided at an All India Convention of University Teachers in support of the Bihar movement held on the eve of the people's march to Parliament.

Amin Wants To Pay Compensation

The Ugandan President, Gen. Idi Amin has reiterated his Government's commitment to pay compensation to 5,000 expelled Indian nationals and has told the Indian High Commissioner that he would invite discussions between the two Governments on this matter, Mr. Das said.

Plutonium And Lukaemia

The connection between plutonium, a radio active by-product of uranium, and leukaemia "are not as significant as the incident of bone tumours." The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has informed the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament.

Plutonium had been one of the radio active materials which had been investigated in very great detail in experimental animals, the Prime Minister said. She assured the house that radiation levels were kept within safe limits through health and safety precautions all installations where plutonium was handled.

Human Trade

P. K. Kunjachen (of the pro-Peking Communist Party of India-Marxist) has urged the Government of India to take necessary steps to check "human trade" indulged in by certain unscrupulous persons in taking poor men and women from India to Dubai and other Gulf countries for menial jobs.

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New Currency Notes Soon

Bombay, April 7 (UNI): The Reserve Bank of India will issue a new series of improved bank notes in the denominations of Rs five ($66.67 cents), Rs ten ($1.30) and Rs. twenty ($2.67). They will be followed by notes in other denominations later.

While the designs of the new notes are basically identifiable as Indian, they incorporate a number of security features in the form of rosettes, guilloces, ornaments, geometrical lines and tints, the prints and lines being reproduced with such clarity that forgery will be very difficult.

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The Rendezvous

SHEILA looked at her watch. It was some minutes past eleven. At three she had an appointment with him. The thought of it made her shudder.

It was exactly a week before, she had been to him last. And at that time she had pledged to herself that she will never go to him again, if she could help it. He had, however, insisted that she see him again, the next week.

During the one hour she had spent with him, Sheila had experienced the utmost torture. The pain she had suffered was beyond her endurance, and now, when she thought about it, blood rose to her cheeks and a cold shiver ran down her spine.

She walked over to the phone and dialled his number. He answered. She pleaded with him to cancel her appointment. But he refused. He chided her for being childish and timid, and he promised that it would not be like last time. He sternly insisted that she keep her appointment.

Painted lips

SHEILA looked at her watch again. It was half past two. She hurriedly pasted some powder over her face and painted her lips. Then she remembered what he had particularly told her — never to paint her lips when she went to him. So, she wiped her lips and removed the paint.

In a few more minutes she would be face to face him. Sheila shook in her shoes. Having driven half way, she wanted to turn back homewards. But she felt ashamed to do so — he had called her childish and he had called her *timid*.

When she entered his room, she found him waiting for her. He came forward with his hand extended. He shook her hand and told her how glad he was to see her again.

He was dressed in spotless white, that looked cool and crisp. A great mass of curling chestnut hair brushed backwards, his thin line of moustache was neatly trimmed. He had a wonderful skin and large deep brown eyes, a straight nose and small ears. He had a gallant bearing, and a modulated, soothing voice. Altogether, he was incredibly handsome. And somehow he seemed incapable of such torture.

He led her to the chair, and as she sat there tensed up, he gently held her head between his palms and laid it in its place. He coaxed her to relax.

Then the phone rang. It was his wife on the line. She was vexed because he had not been home for lunch. She cajoled him to go over right away, to have his lunch. But, he refused. He said that he was too busy.

Surrender

SHEILA sat there stiffly, on the edge of the chair, her nerves taut with apprehension. He pushed her head back to its place, while she prayed that the phone would ring again. But, it did not.

Not a word was uttered between them. She gazed at him pleadingly, straight into his eyes. His eyes full of compassion, he smiled at her reassuringly. She lowered her eye-lids in shy surrender, and tried to relax, his head thrown backwards, and her shivering thin lips slightly parted.

His slender, long, manicured fingers reached for her lips, and gently parted her mouth wide open.

Her arms thrown on the sides and her eyes tightly closed, Sheila finally relaxed.

Then he turned on the switch and went on with his "Dentists' Drill".

Shakuntala Dev

Accord On Narmada

New Delhi, (UNI): In what is considered as "a major step forward," Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra reached an accord on construction of eight irrigation projects utilising Narmada-waters.

The agreement was reached at a meeting here attended by the Adviser to the governor of Gujarat and the three Chief Ministers, presided over by the Agriculture and Irrigation Minister, Jagjivan Ram.

Under the agreement Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh would go ahead with four projects each.

Jain Society Of Chicago

The Jain Society of Chicago will celebrate the 2,573rd Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir on:

Sunday April 27, 1975 at 2 p.m., River Park Field House, 5100 N. [2900 West] Francisco Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Phone: LO-1-2145.

The program will include as follows: Navkar Mantra, Religious Songs (Stavan), Religious Speach, Prize Distribution, Dinner, and Social Hour.

Those who want to participate in a religious song or speach or the preparation of food for the dinner. Please contact any of the following: Jyotindra Doshi at 549-2061, or Hemendra Maiser at 656-3374.

Bhutto's "Language" Changes

New Delhi, (UNI): The External Affairs Minister, Y. B. Chavan told the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament, that India would continue to pursue its own policy in building up friendly relations with other countries, strengthen its economy and unity of the people, and achieve self-reliance in defence.

Replying to a five-hour discussion on the American decision to resume arms supply to Pakistan, Mr. Chaven said the decision would encourage Pakistan's belligerency. In fact, within 15 days' of the decision, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Z. A. Bhutto had started using the language of war.

Malayalee Assn. In Ottawa

Ottawa, April 5

The newly formed Malayalee Association of Ottawa held a get-together this evening at McLeod Stewarton Church. About 100 persons were present.

The Association has elected Dr. M. V. George as President, J. John as Vice-President, J. Andrews as Secretary and J. Daniel as Treasurer.

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Case Against Guru

Vancouver: A case has been brought to the British Columbia Supreme Court seeking mental competency hearing for a former United States resident who wants to give her fortune of more than $400,000 to the Divine Light Mission of which Guru Maharaj Ji is the leader.

B.C. Immigrant Services Society Revisited

By Alyn Edwards
Western Correspondent, Canadian Scene

In 1971 a group of citizens concerned with the welfare of immigrants began the Greater Vancouver Immigrant Services Society. Their purpose was to handle the problems of newcomers on a personal basis, and with federal funding and a small corner of the downtown Vancouver Manpower and Immigration office, they were in business.

But this is 1975 and the small society is now the Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia located in new spacious Vancouver offices in which to grapple with even the most minor problems of immigrants. It is expanding to seven other cities — Victoria, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, Williams Lake, Prince George, Quesnel and Kamloops.

One of the most successful programs administered by the Society has been its English classes. They're taught by professionals in 40 Vancouver public schools and in many other centres in the province.

An immigrant mother's ability to learn English once she comes to Canada is limited because she has to stay at home. This often creates problems for her children starting school with little or no English. In their continuing attempt to provide aid for any difficulty, and prompted by the school board, the Society has organized English classes for mothers and a nursery school before the child is enrolled in elementary school.

The centre in Vancouver also operates orientation classes for women to aid them in understanding Canadian ways and domestic concerns. Instruction is given on shopping housekeeping and the marketing system. Otherwise, they would have no way of finding out except by trial and error, a costly, time-consuming, and frustrating exercise.

For three years, volunteer members of the Society have been meeting every international flight as it lands at Vancouver International Airport. They greet immigrants and give them an information package listing all the services available.

An acute problem is homesickness. The workers at the Society are sometimes the only Canadians with whom newcomers come in contact during their first few months in Canada and that makes their task even more sensitive and demanding. The office is always overrun with people from all over the world and that speaks for itself when judging the success of the three-year-old Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia.

WHO'S WHO DIRECTORY

Invitations are being sent to Indian Immigrants for joining WHO' WHO Among Indian Immigrants in North America — a Directory to be published in Fall 1975 and distributed in the U.S.A. & Canada. If interested in listing yourself in WHO'S WHO with biographical details and photograph write to WHO'S WHO, 1170 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10001 or Call (212) 532-4264.

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Suitable match for a Punjabi Brahman boy, 27, 5'9". Medical doctor from a respectable family, at present in Canada for qualifying E.C.F.M.G. Exam. All brothers well settled in Canada. Caste no bar. Apply with full particulars to Box-835, The Canadian India Times.

Match for a beautiful Hindu girl, 22, 5'3", well settled in Toronto. Only professionals need apply. Box -836, The Canadian India Times.

Gujarati gentleman, 38, accountant, goodlooking, sincere, well settled in Toronto area wishes to marry suitable girl. Caste/religion no bar. Divorcee/widow welcome. The Canadian India Times, Box-837.

Hindu/Sikh match for a tall attractive fair complexioned girl, 23. Professional parents well settled in Ontario. Only well qualified, tall, well settled professionals need reply with a recent photograph. Box 838, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for Ph.D.Hindu, 32. Reply with recent photograph and particulars to Box-839, The Canadian India Times.

Bachelor, 28, 5'8", attractive and fair, belonging to respectable Delhi family, seeks a broadminded bride. No bars etc. Correspond: K. Gupta, Canada Life, 505 Dorchester, Montreal.

Suitable match for a handsome 25-year old Khatri boy well educated in India. Brothers well settled in Canada. Contact 453-2005 or 677-9649 in Toronto, 7204 Harvick Dr., Mississauga, Ontario.

Handsome boy, 29, Punjabi Khatri, bank official, looking for a girl with Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant visa for marriage. Apply P.O.Box 1095, Stn. 'B' Rexdale, Ontario Canada.

Wanted suitable match for nurse,38, from Saraswat family, 5'2", working in Toronto. Contact with photo P.O.Box 432, Toronto, M5W 1C2.

Brahmin match here or in India for a handsome Gaur Brahmin bachelor, 26, electronic technologist, with an international company in Ontario. Box-840, The Canadian India Times.

Professional Bengali match for attractive Brahmin girl, 25, belonging to a respectable family. Early education Holland and Paris, Honours Graduate Presidency College, California, Post-graduate degree Delhi. Now working in USA. No bars. Write with full particulars and photo to The Canadian India Times, Box-841.

Wanted a well settled Indian Boy for a well educated, beautiful Jain Girl,22. Send particulars to the Canadian India Times, Box-829.

Suitable match required for a Hindu Punjabi girl, 27, at present in India (New Delhi). Girl is willing to come for a visit. The Canadian India Times, Box-832.

Wanted a suitable match for a Canadian born and educated Saini girl 26. Prefer doctor or engineer, either Canadian born or Canadian educated. Box 822, the Canadian India Times.

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Wanted a suitable match for Msc.B T. Saini girl, tall and beautiful. Interested can contact in writing Box 824, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for a Hindu Punjabi girl, 20, doing her B.A.at University of Toronto. Family well settled in Canada. Highly educated full professional bachelors below 28 years. Write with full particulars and photo to the The Canadian India Times, Box 825.

Suitable Hindu match for a young, extremely beautiful, well mannered, Brahmin girl, 22, landed immigrant, doing Medical Tech., in Ont. Brothers well settled in Canada. Canadian India Times, Box 808.

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Chinese Arms For Pak

New Delhi, April 7 (UNI): China has made substantial supplies of military equipment and weapons to Pakistan, the Defence Minister, Mr. Swaran Singh told the Rajya Sabha.

The supplies included tanks ack-ack guns, artillery, gunboats, torpedo boats, helicopters and different types of aircraft.

Iran is also reported to have supplied some items, specially certain kinds of aircraft, the Defence Minister added.

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